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The two sheets of literature from "OpTex" provided herewith illustrate a viewfinder that assertedly was first marketed in 1990 and that this literature was used at that time. Applicant has no further information as to when this literature was distributed or the exact construction of the illustrated viewfinder.

Respectfully submitted,

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